

**RESOLUTIONNUMBER 200**  
**HONORING IRENE D. BURKS ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

**WHEREAS**, Irene D. Cheatham was born on January 28, 1922, in Gadberry Kentucky, and was 3rd child of William Martin Cheatham and Myrtie Cheatham; and

**WHEREAS**, Irene was one of four sibling, James, Francis, Maxine, and Owens were the names of her siblings; and

**WHEREAS**, Irene's primary education was in Adair country in Kentucky, where she graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and after the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, she worked on the family farm until she was 18; and

**WHEREAS**, Irene Burks moved to Indianapolis Indiana residing with her older sister, Francis for the next 7 years and while in Indianapolis, she attended Poro Barber & Beauty College of which she graduated from and received a diploma; and

**WHEREAS**, Irene Cheatham married Melvin A. Burks, a native of St. Louis Missouri and relocated there to work and start a family; and

**WHEREAS**, Irene and Melvin were blessed with four children, Myrtie J. Burks, Calvin T. Burks, Stephen W. Burks, and Anthony A. Burks; and

**WHEREAS**, shortly after relocating to St. Louis Missouri, Irene Burks joined Pleasant Green Baptist Church. In 1961, Irene Burks joined Antioch Baptist Church located in the Ville and continue to be a faithful member serving as an usher for over 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Irene worked as a Nurse Assistant, training as a Licensed Vocation Nurse for 26 Years at Firmin Desloge Hospital which she retired from in 1989. After retirement, Irene Burks continues serving St. Louis working 2 days a week for the next 20 years helping senior citizens that had disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, On January 28, 2022 Mrs. Irene D. Burke turned 100 years old and the auspicious occasion was celebrated by family and friends near and far; and

**WHEREAS**, when asked what she thinks contributed to her longevity, she responded by saying my Christianity faith and upbringing. She also attributed her longevity to treating everyone as she would like to be treated, a trait she learned from her parents. Mrs. Burks went on to say she has forgiving even those that have wronged her and she has never held a grudge against anyone.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor and congratulate Mrs. Irene D. Burks on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

**Introduced on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022 by:**  
**The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1<sup>st</sup> Ward**

**Adopted this 4th day of March, 2022, as attested by:**

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**Terry Kennedy**  
**Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

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**Lewis E. Reed**  
**President, Board of Aldermen**